and receipt of funds for liquidity and reimbursement of cash losses.

Subsidy for Janata Cloth to Madhya Pradesh

6560. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of subsidy provided to the Madhya Pradesh Government for Janata cloth during each of the last three years;

(b) the number of weavers and cooperative societies benefited thereby;

(c) whether there is any central or state level agency to review their working; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) Janata subsidy provided during each of the last three years was:

(Rs. in lakhs)

1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
543.70	480.10	579.20

(b) The estimated number of weavers benefited under the Janata Cloth Scheme during each of the last three years were:

1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
3.08 lakhs	2.76 lakhs	2.62 lakhs

The Madhya Pradesh State Textile Corporation Ltd. and the Madhya Pradesh State Handloom Weavers Cooperative Society Ltd. were the two implementing agencies of the scheme.

(c) Yes, Sir. The review of the working is done at the State level.

(d) The State Level Implementing Committee headed by Chief Secretary or Secretary in-charge of Handlooms and Director of Handlooms, as the Member Secretary along with a representative of DC Handlooms, Chief Executive of each implementing agency and handloom weavers' representatives review the production and distribution of the Janata cloth.

Handloom Development Centres and Dyeing units in Tamil Nadu

6561. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3850 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th April, 1994 and state that steps are taken to start Handloom Development Centres and Quality Dyeing Units in Tamil Nadu?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): A sum of Rs. 10.00 crores has been released towards the first instalment for setting up of Handloom Development Centres and Quality Dyeing Units during the year 1993-94 to various State Governments. Out of this Central release, a sum of Rs. 124.85 lakhs has been released towards the first instalment of setting up of 30 numbers of Handloom Development Centres and 6 numbers of Quality Dyeing Units during the year 1993-94 to the State Government of Tamil Nadu.

Scheme for export of garments from Bhopal

6562. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government had announced a scheme for export of garments from Bhopal to help the victims of Bhopal gas tragedy;

(b) if so, whether the Central Government had agreed to provide 25 per cent assistance under the scheme, for implementing at, with 75 per cent share of the State Government;

(c) whether all the arrangements in

implementing the scheme were made by the State Government;

(d) whether the Central Government has not provided any assistance, with the result that the scheme could not be implemented;

(e) if so, what are the main reasons for delay in providing assistance;

(f) whether the gas victims had greatly suffered due to the non-implementation of the scheme; and

(g) if so, by when a final decision is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) to (g) No, Sir. The Ministry of Textiles has not announced any such scheme.

Sick Mills of NTC in Gujarat

6563. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of those sick mills functioning under National Textile Corporation in Gujarat which are proposed to be closed by Government;

(b) the number of the labourers working in each of the above mills and the loss suffered by each mill;

(c) whether Government propose to invite the private sector to revive all these sick mills in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) to (d) A statement indicating the names, number of workers and net loss suffered in 1993-94 by the mills of NTC in Gujarat is attached (*see* below). The modernisation/ rationalisation plans prepared by the Textile Research Associations for the revival of the NTC mills, including its mills in Gujarat, have been endorsed by the Labour Ministry's Special Tripartite Committee on NTC. These plans involve the restructuring of 5 unviable mills viz. Rajnagar No. 1, Rajnagar No. 2, Ahmedabad Jupiter, Himadri Textiles, and New Manakchowk into three resultant viable mills viz. Rajnagar No. 1, Himadri Textiles and New Manakchowk Mills. The Special Tripartite Committee has given the following unanimous recommendations:

(i) The reports given by the Textile Research Association show that the NTC mills as will as Taken Over Mills can be made viable by modernisation.

(ii) Modernisation/rationalisation therefore should be carried out in consultation with the unions.

(iii) There should be no retrenchment.

(iv) There should be no privatisation.

(v) Taken over mills would be nationalised.

(vi) Surplus land may be disposed of and the proceeds should be utilised by the Management for modernisation, working capital, etc.

(vii) Professional management should be strengthened both in the Holding Company and at the subsidiary levels and representation of trade unions should be ensured upto Board level for effective participation of workers in the management at all levels from unit to the Holding Company level.

(viii) Steps shall be taken to move the BIFR to accept the above proposals and close the cases.

The revival plan will require the approval of BIFR under the provisions of the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985, after it is approved by the Government, before it can be implemented.